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In re Application of: )  
Mark PAUSCH *et al.* )  
Application No.: 09/786,056 ) Group Art Unit: 1647  
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For: ENHANCED FUNCTIONAL )  
EXPRESSION OF G PROTEIN- )  
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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In reply to the Office action mailed September 9, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in this request for reconsideration. In light of the concurrently filed petition for a four month extension of time and appropriate fee, this reply is due by Monday, February 10, 2003, and is timely filed.

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 13 and 26 as follows:

13. (Twice Amended) A method for screening compounds capable of binding to G protein-coupled receptors, said method comprising (a) subjecting a yeast host cell comprising a constitutively active heterologous G protein-coupled receptor to a test compound; and (b) measuring the effect of the test compound on cell growth.

26. (Twice Amended) A method for screening compounds capable of binding to G protein-coupled receptors, said method comprising (a) subjecting a yeast host cell

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